

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Bonutti, Peter M. Confirmation No.: 1472  
Application No.: 10/755,996 Attorney Docket No: 780-A03-021-5  
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For: Joint Spacer Examiner: Hoffman, Mary C.  
Customer No: 33771

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Fee Amendment  
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Examiner Hoffman:

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 5, 2010 and supplemental to the Response filed July 20, 2009, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.